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MICROCHIP MATRIX DEVICE FOR DUPLICATING AND

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE DECISION OF THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.31(a)(1), Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated June 24, 2005, of the Examiner rejecting claims 1-19 and 25-47 of the above-identified patent application.

A request for oral hearing is submitted herewith along with payment of the required fee.

A request for an extension of time to respond to the Examiner's rejection is submitted herewith along with payment of the required extension fee.

Our check in the amount of \$500.00 is enclosed to pay the Notice of Appeal fee under 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1). Please charge any required additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743

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